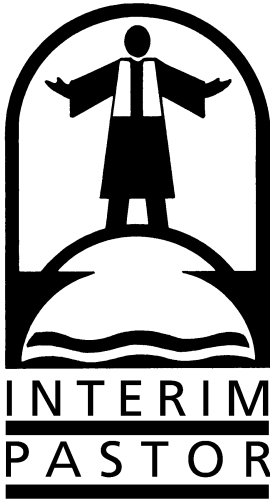


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Dear Fellow Disciples,

It was over 19 months ago that I began work with you, and now our time together has come to an end. In many respects it seems to have gone quickly.

It's also time for another transition; from an Intentional Interim Pastor to a Vacancy Pastor. In God's timing there will be yet another transition; from vacancy pastor to a settled pastor. Any time there is a transition, there is grief that accompanies. While the grief that accompanies the departure of an interim or vacancy pastor may not be as intense as the departure of a loved, longer-tenured pastor, there is still grief. That's normal.

After two extensions of my call at Gethsemane, I believe that you are ready for the next step. The leadership development that has taken place over the last months will help move you in the direction that the Lord would have you go.

I do believe that you are ready for this next step. As much as I have loved working with you and in your midst, my purpose has come to an end. You are equipped and ready to move into the future under new pastoral leadership.

It has been a privilege and joy to serve in your midst for these 19 months. You graciously accepted Karen and me, and made us feel a part of Gethsemane. We've appreciated you, and yes, we will miss you also!

Thanks for the very nice farewell on Sunday; the reception with fruit, pastries, and cake was nicely executed – thank you ladies! The kind words from Carl Kuehn and Erika Bathke at the reception and from many others throughout the morning were heart-warming and humbling. Karen and I appreciate your generosity as shown by the gift certificates to the Brown Palace and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. I will also enjoy the gifts yet to come – the rendition of Jer. 29:11 by Timothy Botts and the monetary gift. You are very generous; thank you!

Many of you have asked what my plans are for the future. Quite simply these initial months will be time spent with family, reading, and study.

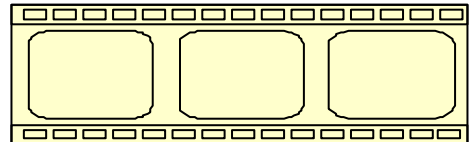
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Photos Wanted!

By Vera Krueger

Wanted: pictures of the “early” sanctuary at Gethsemane. I have pictures of Gethsemane from the outside when it was still known as Northglenn Lutheran Church in the early '60s but none of the inside. This would include the first building or the extension of the first building. If you have one or more, please let me know if I can have a copy. Please contact Vera Krueger or the church office if you have any photos.



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Don't forget to take our Office Depot “Back to School” ID number with you when you shop. The school receives 5% of your purchases back in office supplies. Just give the number to the sales associate when checking out, or ask them to look it up. This is a wonderful blessing and the staff is truly thankful!



Interim pastors are encouraged to take at least one to two months for “decompression” time before entering into another interim. I’m content to wait on the Lord’s timing for serving in His Kingdom whether it is as an intentional interim in another congregation, or however he might lead and direct.

While the future remains uncertain in some respects, our Lord Jesus Christ remains faithful, and is the same yesterday, today, and forever. One other thing remains certain: Karen and I love you, the ministry of Gethsemane Church and School, and we will continue to daily pray for you.

Peace, joy, and love,
Pastor Schlechte
Intentional Interim Pastor



LCMS World Mission LWML Helps

By Bill and Barb Sonne

In the June “Missionary To Missionary” letter, Thomas R. Zehnder, Executive Director for LCMS World Mission, writes the following, “I am in awe of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). Their Grant Committee has decided to place many of our LCMS World Mission grant requests on the ballot at their biennial convention in Portland, OR. They total nearly \$1 million. We will be grateful for whatever support the delegates will choose to give. The LWML is an incredible gift to the church. Since its inception, the LWML has provided more than \$80 million through mites and other gifts for the missions of God! Please remember to pray for them and their ministry.”

The motto for LWML is “Serve the Lord with Gladness” Psalm 100:2.
The fields are ripe for harvest.

From the Business Manager

By Erika Bathke

Gethsemane suffered from an embezzlement of more than \$70,000 in 2005. In July 2006 a court order was issued against our former business manager to make restitution payments to Gethsemane. It took until April 2007 before we began to receive payments and at the beginning very small amounts were coming in. I am pleased to report that to date, we have received about \$8,000 in restitution. We have been receiving regular monthly payments since May of 2008 averaging about \$540.00 per month.

The embezzlement cast a dark shadow over Gethsemane these past few years. However, we can be thankful that we’ve started to receive regular repayment.

Obviously, changes were made to ensure the security of our funds and our record keeping. Each board has an assigned person who is responsible for reviewing the board’s associated expenses and approving payments. There is an audit committee that audits the operations of the business office and submits an annual audit report to the Rocky Mountain District of the LCMS regarding our financial operations.



I would like to express my thanks to the individuals and organizations at Gethsemane for their kind consideration and prayers on Zella’s behalf during her illness. Your thoughtfulness and efforts were greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Don Dyer

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Remember
Our  **LBT Missionary Focus**
Missionaries

By Bill and Barb Sonne

Greg Meier was born and raised in Milwaukee and after his graduation from Martin Luther High School he enrolled at the University of Alaska, Anchorage in hopes of a career in illustration. Let's see now, what does this have to do with LBT? Well, several months later, Greg felt God calling him into Christian ministry. As hard as it was for Greg to leave the beautiful scenery, Greg knew that God is faithful and that He had a plan. Greg transferred to Concordia University in Wisconsin and began studying theology and theological languages. It was a match made in heaven!

Since that time, LBT has prepared an internship for Greg that will have him working alongside LBT missionaries Rev. Nathan Esala and David Federwitz in Ghana, West Africa. The long range plan is to be equipped to serve as a full time missionary with LBT. Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to God for bringing Greg to this point and look forward to his continuing grace and guidance as Greg embarks on this wonderful opportunity to serve Him!

Please pray for Ed and Wilma Rupprecht and their children and grandchildren, as they mourn the loss of stillborn twin granddaughters, Kirsten Michelle and Arowynn Joy. Ed and Wilma spoke to our congregation and school last fall.

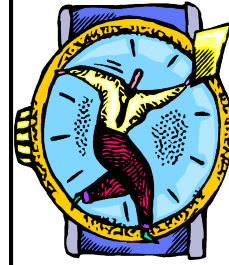
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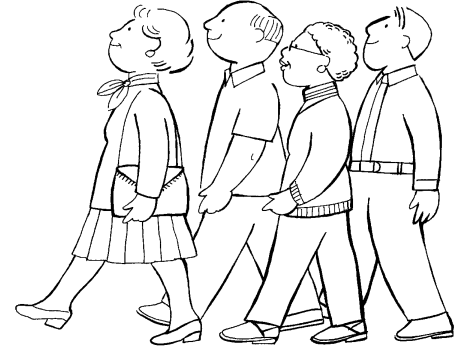
A big thank you to those who
contributed to the Children's Tumor
Foundation on behalf of our son,
Jacob. All of your contributions are
appreciated and are used for research
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tance to those affected with Neurofi-
bromatosis. We appreciate the sup-
port and prayers of the members of
Gethsemane.

Dave and Beth Sensenbaugh



Information about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

By Lillian Frey



Calling All Seniors!

By Lillian Frey

The Senior Club is for everyone 55 years and over. Don't wait to be invited as this is your invitation to join us. The monthly meetings are potluck luncheons the first Thursday of every month at Noon in the church basement. Bring one dish and your own plate and silverware.

Jenae Siebarth, daughter of Jim and Pam Siebarth of Gethsemane will be our guest speaker on August 6. Jenae is a missionary in Japan and will be visiting Denver at this time. Jenae spoke with us before she went to Japan in 2007 and now we will have an opportunity to hear about her experiences during the past two years. The hostesses will be Jeanette Anderson and Marie Woehrle.

Looking for some fun? You will not be disappointed. On September 3, the Seniors will tour the Adams County Historical Museum house. It is a completely restored 1887 Victorian home with authentic furnishings, located at 9601 Henderson Road. The hostesses will be Dorothy Freeman and her sister Jean Vincent.

The program on October 1 will be a video on the "other" depression entitled, "Riding The Rails." It is a PBS documentary telling the unforgettable story of 250,000 teenagers who left their homes and hopped freight trains during the Great Depression.

Q: What is the Mite Box that I hear so much about?

A: The LWML sponsors the Mite Box Project which follows the example of the widow who gave all she had to the Lord. Mighty mites do great things for the Lord.

Q: Who receives these Mite Boxes?

A: Here at Gethsemane it is the members of Dorcas Guild and any member of Gethsemane who wishes to participate. Each woman with a Mite Box is to offer a daily prayer for mission work throughout the world. She is to insert a daily mite offering into the Mite Box. God uses this simple act to strengthen our faith as we fulfill His command to, "Go and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Q: When are the Mite Boxes collected?

A: The mites are collected monthly at the Dorcas meetings with a mite devotion and prayer.

Q: Where is the money sent?

A: All mites are sent to the Rocky Mountain District LWML Treasurer. Seventy-five percent of the money is kept in the district for district projects and 25% is forwarded to national LWML treasurer for national projects.

Q: How are the projects chosen?

A: All societies and individuals have an opportunity to suggest projects and submit them to the district for consideration. At the district LWML convention the delegates vote for the projects for the next biennium. At the last convention in June 2008, 13 projects were chosen in the amount of \$70,000.00. The same procedure is used to select national projects.

Q: Is it possible to receive more information on these projects?

A: Yes, it is! The district projects are listed and explained in the district paper call *The Tidings* and the national projects in the national magazine called *The Quarterly*.

Watch the next issues of the GEMS for more information.





Thanks From PTL . . . Thanks To PTL!

The PTL Executive Board would like to express their appreciation to all those who have contributed time and energy during the '08-'09 school year. And a special thanks to Tana Ryan for being our chairperson. It has been a successful and productive year because of the involvement of both parents and congregation members. Following are the things accomplished with your generous help and interest.

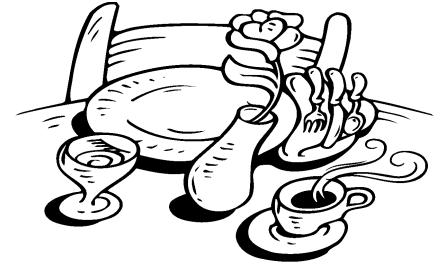
We received suggestions and requests from the school board, parents, congregation members and school staff. Of course, all of them couldn't be done, so purchases were made or contributions given toward the following items (some are still in the process of being finished):

- Lutheran School Week skating party
- Contribution to tuition assistance fund
- Library books and staffing
- School Thanksgiving meal turkeys
- All school "Mad Science" assembly
- Blinds for all PS and PK classrooms
- Meal stipends for staff conference attendees
- Prizes for fundraiser events
- Park reservation deposit for church/school picnic
- Revision of playground equipment
- City Taxes on fundraiser items resold
- New bulletin boards for hallway
- Contribution to school computer project
- Contribution to school PA system

During the school year we sponsored the Gethsemane Family Nights Out (proceeds go to Gethsemane tuition assistance fund), Back to School night, Bingo Fun night, a Pancake Lenten Supper, Campbell's labels, Cartridges for Kids, Target rebate cards, Albertsons rebate program, Movie Night, and the School Holiday Shop. We handled the classroom activity funds and art auction proceeds for classrooms. Many hours were donated to the fundraiser activities and working with classroom parties. We provided support for the sports program, tournaments, room parents, kids school supply boxes, library, yearbook, mini courses, school music programs, parent seminars and savings stamps for students and encouraged people to use Live Search as their computer search engine so Gethsemane would get the proceeds (they totaled over \$600 this year!). Now Live Search has a new name, "Bing," and we hope you will continue to support Gethsemane by using it as your search engine when on the web. If you have questions on how to do this contact Vera Krueger.

We estimate about 3500 volunteer hours were donated to the PTL program. You can see why we need willing workers and dedicated board members. Please feel free to present your suggestions for things the PTL might do next year and, more importantly, think about giving of your time and talents during the '09 - '10 school year.

Shepherds Dinner



By Marlene Cummings

Hey, what are you doing from October through January? You are invited to become participants in a new endeavor at Gethsemane - Shepherds Dinner. This is an opportunity for ALL adult members (single, married or widowed) to become acquainted. We plan to continue the second "edition" of Shepherds Dinner beginning in October. The group will meet once a month in alternate homes during the next four months to dine together, share, and have fun. Every four months we will change the group of people participating so you will be able to meet more people in the congregation.

What is a Group? Seven to eight people. It could be three couples, and a single person who wants to host a dinner by her/himself or three couples and two singles or two couples and four singles, etc. It sounds complicated but it isn't.

How does it work? The host couple will serve the entree or main dish and drinks (coffee, tea, etc), and the other guests will bring the appetizer, salad, and dessert. The time and date for the next three dinner will be planned by the group at the **f i r s t d i n n e r**.

Keep it simple! Remember, we simply want the opportunity to meet, share our lives, and enjoy the time together. If your space is limited, not to worry. Simply have a buffet and sit on the floor, chairs or sofa. We've all eaten with plates of food in our laps. Remember, this is



Hats Off to LHSP Basketball Team

As reported in the last month's *Peaks and Valleys*, the Lutheran High School Parker (LHSP) boys basketball team made its first trip in school history to the state tournament in March. Although they lost their first game to The Colorado Springs School (which went on to take the state championship), they emerged as true winners as evidenced by the following e-mail sent to LHSP after the tournament.



"As head of school of The Colorado Springs School, I would like to offer a message to the administration, faculty, students, and families of Lutheran High School.

"Our schools played each other in the 'Great Eight' first round of the state basketball tournament. Of course, these games are very tense and typically reveal a school's real character. As our game together was about to begin, the athletes on your team invited our team to the middle of the floor to pray. In that moment, I was told that those who spoke prayed for a high level of play, good calls, and for each team—including ours—to have our best game.

"I can imagine that it would be easy for one of your players to hesitate with such an invitation, particularly with a non-sectarian school such as CSS that has an eclectic background amid its ranks. I'm writing to report that this courageous action on the part of your team was not only welcome, but deeply touched and inspired a number of our athletes and spectators.

"It just so happens that our team not only won the game, but was honored to be named state champions two days later. However, the victories represented by the scores—while significant for our school—seem trivial compared to the collective victory of person that was inspired by your team. As a result, we at CSS consider the students of Lutheran High School real winners with respect to character, dedication to faith, and in establishing a sense of warm welcome. Our hats are off to all of you.

"We at CSS are planning a school-wide celebration in the coming days that contains a slide show. Prominent among those slides are pictures of our two teams meeting at the center court with heads bowed together.

"Thank you for including CSS in expressing the mission of your school. May this serve as some encouragement when it may seem difficult to invite your opponent to the middle of the floor, and may we have other opportunities to share with one another in the years to come."

Kevin Real

Head of School, The Colorado Springs School

Attention Thrivent Members

Don't forget that any monetary donations you make to Gethsemane Lutheran School can be matched by half from the Thrivent Company. Check in the school office for forms and information on how to do this. Ask about your Sunday offerings being used in this way.

Have You Registered?

Registration for the 2009/10 school year continues. Registration packets are available in the office, or by calling 303-451-6908. When deciding on a school, think about the following GLS facts:

- Over 80% of students qualify for high honors/honors.
- Spanish and technology instruction is offered in Preschool through 8th grade.
- Over 90% of GLS students participate in music.
- 100% of students participate in art.
- Over 95% of 5th through 8th grade students participate in an athletic program.
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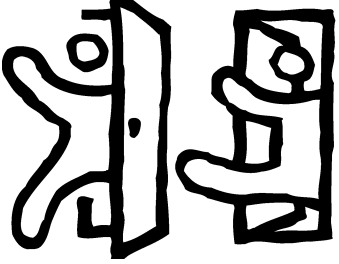
**GLS is now offering
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Invite friends, neighbors and family to check us out! Call 303-451-6908 for a tour. Many classes are at or near capacity. Call now!



Schoolgems

STAFF Changes for the New School Year



By Lisa O'Brien, School Board Chairman

One school year has ended and we will soon (eek!) be embarking upon a new one.

We have had many changes at GLS this year and we wanted to make sure the congregation is aware of them.

Mr. Dave Meineke, after many years here at Gethsemane as Principal, Teacher, & Coach has accepted a teaching position at Beautiful Savior Lutheran School in Broomfield. Dave will also take on the role of Athletic Director and will help coach our kids, as well. We thank Dave for all he's done and for his devotion to our kids - they love you!

Mrs. Dawn Rose, after 15 years of devoted service as Teacher & Athletic Director, informed us this would be her last year at Gethsemane. Dawn has faithfully served the school these many years and has been an integral part of the Christian education of our students - we thank her for her dedicated service! While we shall miss them both, we wish them well in their new endeavors.

Mrs. JoDee Kuehn has accepted the challenge to become Gethsemane's new Principal. JoDee has been a teacher for the past 5 years, most recently as Gethsemane's technology teacher. She will continue as technology teacher and will be teaching mathematics this year, too. Prior to teaching, JoDee spent many years in the corporate world in strategic planning and management. She has excellent credentials and we are thrilled to have her at the helm to lead our school toward a successful future.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Toni Meineke has accepted the position of Athletic Director and will lead the charge to develop the strong, young, Christian athletes of Gethsemane.

The School Board, which includes Steve Bathke, Marlene Cummings, Rosalie Jensen & me, along with our Principal, JoDee Kuehn, is currently knee-deep in the process of hiring a new teacher for our 7th/8th grade class. Please keep us in your prayers that the Lord guide us to the best candidate possible, and please know our door is always open and we welcome visitors to our School Board meetings.

Family Nights Out



Family Nights Out were once again a great success. We always have more suggestions than we have nights. Please continue to let Vera Krueger know your requests and also which were your favorites so we can repeat them. This past school year we were able to give \$1221.50 to Gethsemane. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you haven't in the past please plan to do so next year. It's good fun, good fellowship and a break from cooking! Perhaps this summer we can do a few of the places that aren't the favorites...yet!



Don't forget to keep collecting Campbell's Soup Labels and Box

Tops for Education. The school receives 10¢ for every one collected. The school is able to take the profits and choose items from a catalog of many valuable classroom supplies. You can drop off your labels in the designated box in the narthex or school lobby. The staff thanks you for your continued support through this valuable program.

